

**Amendments to the Claims:** This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A non-woven fibre web comprising a plurality of ~~longer~~ long fibres in the x- and y-directions of average length greater than 5mm and a plurality of ~~shorter~~ short fibres of average length less than 3mm wherein at least a proportion of the ~~shorter~~ short fibres are orientated in the z-direction, and wherein the plurality of ~~shorter~~ short fibres is at least 20% and no more than 70% of the total weight of fibres, and wherein the density of the non-woven fibre web is from 0.1g/cm<sup>3</sup> to 0.35g/cm<sup>3</sup>.
2. (Currently Amended) A non-woven fibre web comprising up to and including 80% by weight of ~~longer~~ long fibres in the x- and y-directions of average length greater than 5mm, and from 20% or more to 70% by weight of ~~shorter~~ short fibres of average length less than 3mm wherein at least a proportion of the ~~shorter~~ short fibres are orientated in the z-direction, and wherein the density of the non-woven fibre web is from 0.1g/cm<sup>3</sup> to 0.35g/cm<sup>3</sup>.
3. (Canceled)
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5. (Currently Amended) A non-woven fibre web according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the ~~longer~~ long fibres have a maximum average length of 50mm.
6. (Currently Amended) A non-woven fibre web according to claim 5 wherein the ~~longer~~ long fibres are of average length of 5mm to 30mm.
7. (Currently Amended) A non-woven fibre web according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the ~~shorter~~ short fibres are of average length less than 2mm.
8. (Currently Amended) A non-woven web according to claim 7 wherein the ~~shorter~~ short fibres are of average length less than 1mm.

9. (Currently Amended) A non-woven fibre web according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the ~~shorter~~ short fibres have an average minimum length of 50 $\mu$ m.

10. (Currently Amended) A non-woven fibre web according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the ~~longer~~ long fibres and ~~shorter~~ short fibres are independently selected from the group consisting of carbon, glass, silica, polymer, metal and ceramic fibres.

11. (Currently Amended) A non-woven fibre web according to claim 10 wherein the ~~longer~~ long fibres and ~~shorter~~ short fibres are carbon.

12. (Previously Presented) A non-woven fibre web according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the density of the non-woven fibre web is from 0.1g/cm<sup>3</sup> to 0.2g/cm<sup>3</sup>.

13. - 25. (Withdrawn)